

Figure 2: Race/Ethnicity of VITA Clients and Interview Respondents

The high proportion of Hispanic respondents results from the sites chosen for this study. The Raleigh site, which specifically targeted Hispanic immigrants, served 73 percent of the total number of clients (see Figure 3). Raleigh's representation decreases to 60 percent and 55 percent, respectively, in the baseline and follow-up samples, a change likely caused by the greater difficulty of contacting Hispanic immigrants.

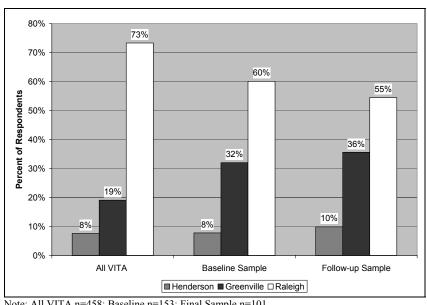


Figure 3: VITA Clients and Interview Respondents by Site

Note: All VITA n=458; Baseline n=153; Final Sample n=101

The baseline questionnaire recorded respondents' 2003 household incomes. The majority of baseline respondents were clustered at incomes below \$20,000. Fifty-eight percent earned less than \$20,000 per year and 40 percent earned less than \$15,000 per year.